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SUBJECT: IRANIAN AMBASSADOR IN THE NETHERLANDS

1. NETHERLANDS MINISTER VAN AERSEN TELEPHONED ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY DAVIES SAYING HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER WE WOULD CONSIDER GIVING AMBASSADOR HELMS INSTRUCTIONS ON CONTINGENCY BASIS TO BE READY ON SHORT NOTICE IN CONSULTATION WITH DUTCH AMBASSADOR TO SUPPORT REQUEST TO GOI TO RETURN DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL TO IRANIAN EMBASSY IN THE HAGUE.

2. DAVIES REPLIED HE DID NOT BELIEVE EITHER JOINT DEMARCHE OR SUPPORTING ROLE BY U.S. AMBASSADOR WOULD BE ANY MORE EFFECTIVE THAN DUTCH EFFORT TO OVERCOME DIFFICULTY. GIVEN PAST U.S. POSITION IN DISCUSSIONS WITH GOI THAT TERRORISTS SHOULD BE DEALT WITH TO FULL EXTENT OF LAW AND APPARENT GOI BELIEF THAT EXPELLED IRANIANS WERE POTENTIAL TERRORISTS, HE SPECULATED THAT U.S. SUPPORT MIGHT
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BRING A SOMEWHAT WRY IRANIAN RESPONSE. THIS WAS SAID

WITHOUT PRESUMING TO JUDGE THE FACTS OF THE CASE WHICH
PRECIPITATED RECALL OF THE IRANIAN DIPLOMATS.

3. WE HOPED VERY MUCH THAT THE DUTCH COULD OBTAIN A
PROMPT REVERSAL OF THE RECALL. ON A PURELY PERSONAL
BASIS DAVIES NOTED THAT THE NOWRUZ HOLIDAY BEGINNING WITH
THE SPRING EQUINOX MARCH 21 WAS THE TRADITIONAL TIME FOR

PUTTING DIFFERENCES BEHIND AND MAKING A NEW BEGINNING
AND SUGGESTED THAT THIS MIGHT BE A MOST OPPORTUNE TIME
FOR A SUITABLY WORDED MESSAGE TO THE GOI. VAN AERSSEN
NOTED THAT THE QUEEN AND THE SHAH WERE ON THE BEST
PERSONAL TERMS AND HE WOULD REMIND HIS FOREIGN OFFICE
OF THE POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY FOR A MESSAGE AFFORDED
BY THE NOWRUZ PERIOD.

4. HAGUE 1360 RECEIVED AFTER FOREGOING DRAFTED. WE SEE
NO PROBLEM HERE IF AMBASSADOR GOULD FEELS HE CAN BE
HELPFUL IN SOOTHING IRANIAN AMBASSADOR'S FEELINGS AND
PERSUADING HIM TO WORK THINGS OUT WITH THE GON. KISSINGER

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